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SUBJ: CCMS: FALL PLENARY - ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT REPORT

1. THE UK (BANKS) PRESENTED THE PILOT COUNTRY REPORT ON
ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT (AWT) AND DESCRIBED SOME OF
THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE ADVANCED WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKSHOP
HELD IN THE UK IN LATE SEPTEMBER. THE REPORT NOTED THAT BIO-
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LOGICAL CONVENTIONAL METHODS ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO TOXIC
FACTORY WASTE AND TO LOSS OF NUTRIENTS, BUT CHEMICAL
TREATMENTS INVOLVE GREATER COST. THE CANADIAN/US GREAT
LAKES SCHEME HAS WORKED ON MODIFYING BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES

TO MAKE THEM LESS VULNERABLE AND THIS REMAINS ONE POSSIBLE APPROACH. NORWAY HAS ALSO DONE ADMIRABLE AWT RESEARCH, AND CANADA IS DOING EXTERMELY SPOHISTICATED WORK ON DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE. ITALY HAS A MOBILE PLANT IN OPERATION FOR COMPARING RESULTS OF SLUDGE DISPOSAL, AND THE UK'S NEWEST SLUDGE BURNING PLANT WAS RECENTLY OPENED AT COLESHILL. THE UK WILL CIRCULATE A FULL REPORT ON THE RECENT WORKSHOP IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

PRIOR TO THE WORKSHOP, AT THE INSTITUTE OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CONFERENCE IN BOURNEMOUTH, THE UK, FRANCE, FRG, AND US PARTICIPATED IN A DISCUSSION OF PAPERS ON THE USE OF OXYGEN IN ACTIVATED SLUDGE SYSTEMS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FINAL REPORT ON THIS OXYGEN PROJECT WILL BE READY BY THE SPRING 1976 PLENARY.

THE UK WILL DISTRIBUTE A QUESTIONNAIRE ON NATIONAL AWT PROGRAMS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND DR. BANKS REMINDED PARTICIPANTS OF THE TIME AND EFFORT WHICH MUST BE PUT INTO THESE SURVEYS, IF THEY ARE TO BE OF VALUE. THE AWT PILOT STUDY GROUP INTENDS TO HOLD MEETINGS ABOUT EVERY SIX MONTHS. THE NEXT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD NEAR DUNKIRK, FRANCE IN 1976 AND IN ITALY IN 1977.

2. IN THE ENSUING DISCUSSION, PROF. VON MANGER-KOENIG (FRG) THANKED THE UK FOR HOSTING THE AWT WORKSHOP. HE CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG IS INVESTIGATING AN APPROPRIATE RESEARCH PROJECT AND WILL SOON INFORM THE PILOT COUNTRY (UK) ABOUT DETAILS OF THE GERMAN PROGRAM. MR. SALVO (ITALY) FORMALLY INVITED ALL DELEGATES TO A 1977 WORKSHOP, WHICH WILL BE HOSTED BY THE ITALIAN INSTITUTE OF WATER RESEARCH. MR. ARMSTRONG (CANADA) JOINED THE FRG IN THANKING THE UK FOR THE RECENT WORKSHOP, AND DECLARED CANADA IS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE PILOT STUDY.

3. THE US (BARNUM) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE SUCCESSFUL UK-ORGANIZED WORKSHOP MEETING, AND INDICATED PARTICULAR US INTEREST IN THE WORK BEING DONE AT STEVENAGE ON THE DISCHARGE OF NITROGEN TO SURFACE WATERS (SOURCE OF MUCH OF US DRINKING UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPLY). THE US PARTICULARLY COMMENDED THE UK FOR THE RESEARCH UNDER WAY AT COLESHILL, INVOLVING A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND EXPERTISE IN A PERIOD OF FINANCIAL CONSTRAINT. THE US IS ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO THE RESULTS OF NORWEGIAN AND DUTCH STUDIES ON REMOVAL OF TOXIC METAL FROM WASTE WATER AND THE REVERSE OSMOSIS PROCESS, RESPECTIVELY.

THE US IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORTS (FIRST TOPIC: CARBON) WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONCLUDING MEETING (IN STRATFORD) OF THE UK WORKSHOP AGREED TO EXCHANGE. IT INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE 1977 ITALIAN WORKSHOP, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO THE PLANNING MEETING (DECEMBER 1975) WHICH WILL DEFINE GOALS AND SET A REASONABLE TIMETABLE FOR THE 1977 MEETING. STREATOR

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